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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6728

BILL NUMBER: SB 230

DATE PREPARED: Dec 18, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: DNR Aquatic Plant Management Permits.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill prohibits the control of aquatic vegetation in public waters by physical, mechanical, chemical, or biological means without a permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The bill requires the Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM's) approval before DNR may issue a permit for chemical control of aquatic vegetation in a public water supply. It changes the criteria for exemption from the permit requirement.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The DNR and IDEM may also experience additional costs associated with the permit process. However, both agencies should be able to absorb the additional costs given their current budgets.

Explanation of State Revenues: The fiscal impact of these changes would be insignificant, possibly increasing the current number of permits issued per year (about 200 permits) by 10 percent or less. The additional permits processed could generate an estimated additional \$100 annually to the dedicated Fish and Wildlife Fund which is used to finance the operations of the DNR's Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Division of Law Enforcement.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Natural Resources; Department of Environmental Management.

Local Agencies Affected: Local units involved in water-resource related construction or aquatic vegetation control.

Information Sources: Bill James, Gwen White, Department of Natural Resources, 317.232.4094.